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Title: Identifying the Tuskegee Syphilis Study: Results from the Use of Recall and Recognition Questions in Blacks, Whites and Puerto-Rican Hispanics

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Dear Editor,

On behalf of my co-authors, I am pleased to submit our manuscript “Identifying the Tuskegee Syphilis Study: Results from Recall and Recognition Questions by Blacks, Whites, and Hispanics” to BMC Public Health. My co-authors are:

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Our study addresses an important issue within the topic of recruitment of subjects into biomedical studies; specifically our study sought to address the need (and 1994 Federally-mandated requirement) to have biomedical studies successfully recruit diverse (and especially, minority) subjects in their funded studies. Our findings in this submitted manuscript provide the most in-depth exploration to date of detailed knowledge about the infamous Tuskegee Syphilis Study which has had a presumed ‘legacy’ of influencing the willingness of Blacks to enter into biomedical studies.

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In keeping with your Instructions to Authors, our abstract has < 300 words, and the text of the manuscript has 2,365 words, accompanied by 2 tables and 2 figures.

All authors have read and approved this ‘as submitted’ version of the manuscript, all have contributed in meaningful and substantial ways to the development of this manuscript. Be assured that they are in full agreement with seeking publication of this manuscript in BMC Public Health.

Sincerely,

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